

*No one would ever have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm.*

*-Charles Kettering*

## ***U.S. Catholic Bishops Declare May 22 Annual Day of Remembrance for Mariners***

Father John Jamnicky first got the idea on National Maritime Day 2004. Father Jamnicky is the National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea, and he was offering prayers at MARAD's National Maritime Day observance. Maybe it would be possible to get the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to designate special prayers for National Maritime Day? He knew it would take a little time, and a lot of effort, but he thought he could get it done.

In a voice vote on November 14, 2005, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops declared May 22 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Prayer for Mariners and People of the Sea. May 22, 2006, will mark the first observance of that day of prayer. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, will lead a National Maritime Day Mass to mark the day at St. Dominic Church, 630 E Street, SW, at 10:30 a.m. Those who are interested are welcome to attend.

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